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Governor and Health Secretary Call for Funding of Tobacco Prevention, as Report Reveals State's Tobacco Use Rises

Governor Gary Locke and Secretary Mary Selecky unveiled the Department's new report on tobacco use, *Tobacco and Health in Washington State*, at a joint press conference on April 14. Dr. Tim McAfee of the anti-tobacco use group WATCH also appeared with Governor Locke and Secretary Selecky. The report, which contains the latest information on tobacco use, demonstrates where smoking is most prevalent in Washington. The report documents a disturbing increase since 1990 of tobacco use among Washington's youth. During that period, smoking rose 38 percent among high school seniors and nearly doubled among sixth graders.

Using existing statistical data, the report was designed as a tool for the Department of Health to use to target areas for preventive programs. Referring to the report as the death report, Secretary Selecky noted that more than 8,200 people died in Washington State in 1997 of illnesses related to tobacco use.

The report finds that the counties with the highest tobacco related death rates were Ferry, Garfield, Grays Harbor, and Mason. Populations identified as being at highest risk for tobacco usage are:

- ♦ Young Adults
- ♦ American Indians and Alaskan Natives
- ♦ People with lower incomes, income bracket less than \$25,000
- ♦ Individuals who do not finish high school

Governor Locke and Secretary Selecky expressed great concern over the increase in tobacco use among the young people of the state. Tobacco use among youth is closely related to the use of other drugs, doing poorly in school, and having poor social skills. Governor Locke and Secretary Selecky emphasized that the children behind the numbers in this report are the next generation of adult smokers.

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Senator Pat Thibodeau, D-Seattle, Chair, and Senator Alex Deccio, R-Yakima, of the Senate Health and Long Term Care Committee, expressed support for the Governor's proposals for tobacco prevention and control funding. Representative Eileen Cody, D-Seattle and Representative Linda Parlette, R-Wenatchee, co-Chairs of the House Health Care Committee, also attended the press conference.

The Governor has proposed using a portion of the state's tobacco settlement funds for the Tobacco Prevention and Control Fund to fund anti-smoking and prevention programs statewide. Neither the Senate nor the House has yet put forward a firm budget proposal. ESSB 5516, which set out a policy framework for such efforts, did not pass out of the House Health Care Committee. The amount of anti-tobacco funding and the policy framework for such efforts are among the issues that will have to be resolved in the last days of the session. §

Senate Capital Budget Includes Funds for Public Health Lab Project

The Senate capital budget, which was approved by the entire Senate on April 14, includes \$5.012 million for consolidation of facilities at the State Public Health Laboratory. Funding for the project had been approved by OFM and included in the Governor's proposed capital budget but was not included in the capital budget that passed the House on April 1.

The consolidation of the facilities involves construction of a new facility north of the existing lab buildings. The building will house the newborn screening program, which will move from its current location in a separate World War II era building. The newborn screening program involves the testing of blood specimens from every newborn in the state for four specific heritable disorders. The current location requires that the blood specimens be transported outdoors across the street from the main lab building to that separate building. The new building will be attached to the existing lab buildings.

The Governor's proposed capital budget included \$5.128 million for the project from the state building construction account, along with a reappropriation from

that account, for a total of \$5.788 million. The House capital budget does not fund the project. The Senate capital budget includes an appropriation of \$5.012 million for the project from the state building construction account, as well as a reappropriation from that account, for a total of \$5.673 million. Department staff are currently examining potential changes to the project should that lower amount be appropriated.

Built between 1982 and 1985, the Public Health Laboratory is a 50,000-square-foot facility on the Fircrest campus in North Seattle. It provides high-quality laboratory space for the Department of Health. Four Department programs perform clinical testing and investigative science at the site, ranging from communicable disease and genetic disorders testing and screening to trace level environmental radiation measurement. Parts of the building are used for community meetings and programs during the day and after hours. Training programs for both public and private sector health, laboratory and other groups are also conducted at the facility. §

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Bill watch this week includes only those bills that have been reported out of committee by the policy or fiscal committee cutoff date.

Data and Confidentiality

HB 1372: Birth Defects Surveillance

Repeals the Handicapped Children's Registry statute. **Delivered to the Governor.**

E HB 2015: Year 2000 Date Change Liability

Provides that the state is severally, not jointly, liable for damages arising from the year 2000 problem. Immunizes the state from the first \$100 of liability per claimant arising from the year 2000 problem. **Senate 2nd reading.**

SSB 5482: Medical Research Records

An exception is stated to the Driver's Privacy Protection Act for information currently available under the public disclosure laws. An exception to the federal law is required to protect the public health, safety, and welfare. Information accessible under public disclosure may be released to health research organizations recognized by an institutional review board. **House 2nd reading.**

Disease Prevention and Control

HB 1080 a: Infectious Disease Testing

Provides infectious disease testing at no cost to uninsured good Samaritans for infectious diseases after rendering emergency assistance that has brought them into contact with a bodily fluid. DOH must report to the State Board of Health unauthorized disclosures of confidential information obtained through disease reporting. The report must include recommendations for prevention and improvement of the privacy systems in place. DOH must assist health care providers and others to understand the rules on confidentiality. Monetary penalties for violations of confidentiality are increased to \$10,000 for intentional or reckless violations. It is a misdemeanor for a local board of health member to violate the confidentiality provisions. **Senate Passed 3rd.**

SHB 1371 a: Tuberculosis Control

Revises provisions relating to reporting, treatment, and payment for treatment of tuberculosis. Repeals obsolete sections of tuberculosis statutes. **Senate Passed 3rd.**

Environmental Health

SHB 1054/SB 5125 a: Pesticide Registration Commission

Appropriations made to Washington State University may now expressly be used for evaluations, studies, or investigations approved by the Commission for such Integrated Pest Management (IPM) and pesticide resistance management programs. An official action may now be taken by the Commission by a majority vote of its quorum, rather than a majority vote of the voting members. This bill is a part of the Washington State University's Safe Food Initiative. **Senate 2nd Reading/House Passed 3rd.**

SHB 1163 a: Illegal Drug Manufacture

Finds that the contamination of properties used for illegal drug manufacturing poses a threat to public health. The toxic chemicals left behind by the illegal drug manufacturing must be cleaned up to prevent harm to subsequent occupants of the properties. Local health officers may determine when a certified contractor must be used to decontaminate property that has been contaminated hazardous chemicals associated with the manufacture of illegal drugs. **Senate Passed 3rd.**

SB 5105: Public Water System Definition

Revises the definition of public water system to include systems providing water through constructed conveyances in conformance with federal law. **House Speaker signed.**

HB 1310: PUD Authority

Revises provisions relating to the authority...public utility district to furnish water to persons outside of the district and the county where the district is located and to establish local utility districts for water or sewer facilities outside of a district and the county where it is located. **Senate President signed.**

HB 1432 a: Dairy Commission

Authorizes the Dairy Commission to participate in federal and state regulatory activities and expend funds when such activities affect the production, manufacture, distribution, sale, or use of dairy products, and educate the dairy industry on such matters. **Senate Passed 3rd.**

HB 1642 a: Surface Water Permits & Rights

Allows water permit holders to change the point of water diversion for an undeveloped portion of an existing water right permit from an existing authorized diversion point, downstream to an existing intake structure if there is no change in ownership of the permit, the season of diversion, or the original purpose and place of use of the water. Diversion intake structures must be an approved intake structure. **Senate Passed 3rd.**

E SHB 2079: Salmon Recovery

Authorizes a plan for salmon recovery in Washington State. **Senate 2nd reading.**

E SHB 2095: Commercial Fertilizer

Revises provisions relating to registration fees, stop sale and use, seizure, and disposal of commercial fertilizer. **Senate 2nd reading.**

SHB 2099: Water Right Relinquishment

Allows an exemption from relinquishment of a water right for non-use resulting from the operation or pendency of legal proceedings. **Senate 2nd reading.**

E SSB 5803 a: Dairy Nutrient Management

Directs the Department of Ecology to publish a guide to all registered dairy farms in the state regarding dairy nutrient management. Creates a Dairy Nutrient Management Task Force, staffed by the Department of Ecology, to make recommendations on dairy nutrient management. **House Passed 3rd.**

2SSB 5821 a: On-Site Wastewater Treatment

Establishes a state-wide licensing program for persons who design on-site wastewater treatment systems. Requires the Board of Registration for Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors to suspend the license or practice permit of a wastewater treatment system designer who is at least six months delinquent on child support payments. **House Passed 3rd.**

E SSB 5866 a: Fertilizer Registration

Eliminates component registration of fertilizer products. **House Passed 3rd.**

SB 6091: Beneficial Water Use and Public Water Systems

Adds provisions to address how “inchoate” water rights will be administered. Inchoate water rights are water right certificates that represent both used and unused water. Authorizes the Department of Ecology to issue 6 year incremental certificates reflecting phased development of public water systems inchoate rights. Inchoate water right issues will be addressed through existing planning processes and programs of DOH and Ecology to the extent practicable. All Group A systems that have inchoate water rights shall document compliance with performance standards not less than 2 years and not more than 8 years from bills effective date (other public water systems have up to 4 years). Systems with inchoate permits reinstated in areas with fishery resource issues are required to enter into and implement inter-local agreements with Ecology and Fish and Wildlife to address actions to arrest further decline in fish stock health. Priority for developing such agreements shall be for systems with 1,000 or more connections and other systems identified as critical by DFW. If no such inter-local agreement is developed within 2 years the inchoate permit becomes subject to instream flows adopted by rule or as defined by Ecology/DFW. The bill also includes provisions to reconcile differences between DOH approved existing service areas (per water system plan or coordinated water system plan) and water right place of use restrictions. Reinstated permits will reflect DOH approved existing service areas. **Senate Environment & Water Quality.**

SB 6092: Public Water Systems

The bill addresses how “inchoate” water rights will be administered, authorizes designation/creation of regional integrated water supply management agreements (management agreement), authorizes the creation of regional water supply utility, and addresses how inchoate rights may be transferred or changed. Inchoate rights may be addressed individually by the public water system in coordination with Ecology, or may be addressed as part of a management agreement. **Senate Environment & Water Quality.**

SB 6093: Public Water System Management

Modifies and expands the purpose of Coordinated Water System Plans (CWSP) to also address fish habitat planning, preservation and restoration. DOH is required to carry out CWSP process in coordination and consultation with Ecology and DFW. Changes focus of CWSP from regional water supply service area coordination to much broader water and fish focus.

Changes definition of “critical water supply service area” to “coordinated water supply service area”. Bill defines such an area as one that includes more than one public water system, includes fish habitat and also may include small inadequate water systems or water supply problems which threaten water quality or reliability. Changes definition of “service area” to mean a geographical area served by a purveyor and initially established under a permit to appropriate water for municipal water supply or subsequently established under this chapter and consistent with a permit (current definition includes future service area identification). Amends 70.116.040 to require DOH, in coordination with Ecology and DFW, to study geographical areas where water supply problems related to uncoordinated planning, inadequate water quality, insufficient water supply, fish habitat, or unreliable service appear to exist. If such problems do exist, DOH or local government shall establish “coordinated water supply service area” and initiate CWSP development. DOH must adopt rules concerning the scope and content of CWSP to insure that such plans incorporate proper designs to protect public health and distributes water for public water supply and fish habitat. New provisions identified related to such rules include: ensuring all CWSP are reviewed by relevant governments to insure that the CWSP implements all water resource plans, water quality plans, water pollution control plans, habitat conservation plans and licensing requirements; identifies water rights; identifies feasible conjunctive use and interties between purveyors. Changes CWSP approval process to incorporate Ecology and DFW into local government public hearing process and CWSP approval process. Deletes provisions requiring DOH to pay for costs to update CWSP if update is required by DOH. Requires DOH, in coordination with Ecology, to adopt rules establishing criteria for designating individuals or water purveyors as satellite management agencies (SMA). Expands water right statutes to link CWSP’s and service areas to water right decisions. Amends intertie statute to: require DOH, in consultation with Ecology, to hold public hearings and

consider public comment as part of the approval process. Recognizes intertie water supply role in providing adequate water supplies for fish habitat. Grandfathers (approve) the use of interties existing and in use as of 1/1/00, and to modify water rights to reflect such use (may include fish habitat type conditions). Allows interties commencing use after 1/1/00 if they implement a CWSP. Eliminates restrictions in intertie definition related to using such water for the development of new sources of supply to meet future demand. Prohibits DOH from approving plans containing intertie proposals prior to Ecology water right decisions. **Senate Environment & Water Quality.**

Families and Children

2SHB 1546: In-Home Care Services

Revises provisions related to long-term care of adults. **House Speaker signed.**

SHB 1620: Vulnerable Adult Protection

Provides DSHS and law enforcement agencies with the authority to investigate complaints of abandonment, abuse, financial exploitation, or neglect of vulnerable adults. Provides protective services and legal remedies to protect them. **Senate 2nd Reading.**

SHB 1650: Oral Medications at Schools

Expands the list of health professionals who may request to have school employees administer oral medications to students. **Senate 2nd Reading.**

2SSB 5766: Long-Term Care Ombudsman

Requires the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program to increase the number of trained volunteer long-term care ombudsmen available to residents living in these settings. Provides that a local or a state long-term care ombudsman, including a trained volunteer long-term care ombudsman, shall have the duties and authority set forth in the Federal Older Americans Act for local or state ombudsmen. Appropriates funds from the general fund to the Department of Community, Trade, and Economic Development for distribution state-wide to the regional offices of the Long-Term Care Ombudsman Program. **House Speaker signed.**

E SB 5141: Newborn Screening Service Fee

Allows DOH to collect an additional fee for supplying services under the state’s infant screening program. **House Speaker signed.**

SB 5772: Domestic Violence Victims Records

Strengthens the confidentiality of records for victims of domestic violence or sexual assault. **Delivered to the Governor.**

SSB 5828: Gift of Life Award

The Washington Gift of Life award to recognize the special kindness of those who donate their organs is created. **House 2nd Reading.**

SSB 5864 a: Long-Term Care Residents

Allows a health maintenance organization to return an individual to his or her nursing care facility. **House Passed 3rd.**

E SSB 6020: Social Security Numbers

Delays implementation of the requirement to record social security numbers on license applications to assist in child support enforcement. **House Speaker signed.**

Fiscal

SHB 1165: Capital Budget

Makes appropriations and authorizes expenditures for capital improvements. **Senate Passed 3rd.**

HB 1167/SB 5183: Capital Budget/ Supplemental

Makes supplemental appropriations and authorizes expenditures for capital improvements. **House Capital Budget/Senate Ways & Means.**

HB 1186/SB 5180: Operating Budget

Makes appropriations and authorizes expenditures for the operations of state agencies for the fiscal biennium beginning July 1, 1999 and ending June 30, 2001. **House Appropriations/Senate Ways & Means.**

HB 1187: Operating Budget/Supplemental

Makes supplemental appropriations for the 1997-99 biennium. **House Appropriations.**

SSB 5181 Operating Budget/Supplemental

Makes supplemental appropriations for the 1997-99 biennium. **House Appropriations.**

Injury Prevention

SHB 1181: Domestic Violence Perpetrator

Requires if a domestic violence perpetrator or the victim has a minor child, treatment must specifically include education regarding the effects of domestic violence on children, such as the emotional impacts of domestic violence on children and the long-term consequences that exposure to incidents of domestic violence may have on children, and parenting skills to help the perpetrator control the events or behavior that lead to incidents of domestic violence. The court may, as part of any term of community supervision, order the offender to participate in an approved domestic violence perpetrator program. **Senate President signed.**

HB 1757: Inmate DNA Testing

Requires that juveniles and adults who are convicted of violent or sexual offenses submit blood samples for DNA testing. Intends that all health care providers assist interested parents in obtaining blood samples for DNA testing for safekeeping by the parent. This will enable parents to better assist law enforcement in finding and identifying a child in the unfortunate event of a child's disappearance or abduction and in identifying children who may be victims in accidents or natural disasters. **Senate 2nd reading.**

SSB 5094: Personal Flotation Devices

Requires that a child 12 years old and under, while aboard a vessel under 19 feet in length on the waters of this state, must wear a U. S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device while the vessel is underway, with limited exceptions. **House Rules.**

SSB 5573: Criminal History Records

Declares criminal justice agencies may furnish certain criminal records to other agencies. This provision of information is not considered a dissemination of criminal records. **Delivered to the Governor.**

Insurance

E SSB 5111: Genetic Information/Health Insurance

Declares a health carrier may not deny or cancel health plan coverage, or vary the premiums, terms, or conditions for health plan coverage, for an individual or a

family member of an individual, on the basis of genetic information or because the individual or family member of an individual has requested or received genetic services. **House Rules.**

E SSB 5512: Contraceptive Insurance Coverage

Attempts to reduce the number of unintended pregnancies and ensure access to contraceptive services in health plans that cover prescription drugs and outpatient health services. Provides an exemption from the bill for those who object to contraceptives for reason of conscience or religion. **House Appropriations..**

E SSB 5812: Health Care Claim Payment

Requires medical insurers to pay health care claims promptly. **House Rules.**

E SSB 5813: Health Plan Medical Director

Requires third-party payors to designate a licensed medical director for its coverage decisions. **House Rules.**

Professional/Facilities Licensing

SHB 1113: Occupational Therapy

Declares that no person may practice or represent himself or herself as an occupational therapy practitioner without first having a valid license to do so. Declares that treatment by an occupational therapy practitioner of such a medical case may take place only upon the referral of a physician, osteopathic physician, podiatric physician and surgeon, naturopath, chiropractor, physician assistant, psychologist, or advanced registered nurse practitioner licensed to practice in this state. **Senate Passed 3rd.**

SHB 1218: Nurse Delegation of Tasks

Authorizes RNs to delegate nursing care tasks using their professional nursing judgment and standards of practice to registered or certified nursing assistants in community-based care settings. Provides authority to the Nursing Commission to develop protocols for implementing all nurse delegation through rulemaking. Allows RNs, on a case by case basis, to delegate tasks to nursing assistants in community-based care settings prior to the nursing assistant completing the nurse delegation core training. The RN is required to provide all

necessary one-on-one training specific to that task and consumer and would assure that the nursing assistant received the core delegation training within the first 60 days of the delegation process. Lack of completion of core training in the first 60 days of the delegation process will result in immediately rescinding the delegation process. No extensions would be permitted. Bill now includes language from SSB 5805, which completes prescriptive authority for advanced registered nurse practitioner. **Senate Passed 3rd.**

SHB 1251: Boards, Commissions, and Programs

Allows the Secretary of Health to designate health care assistants and other health care providers to serve on ad hoc committees appointed by the Secretary to study specified topics. Removes the specific authority of the Secretary to appoint dietitians and nutritionists to serve on such committees. Eliminates the Health Professions Advisory Committee. **House Speaker signed.**

HB 1699 a: Dentist Continuing Education

Directs the Dental Quality Commission to establish continuing education requirements for dentists. Requirements for completion of continuing education go into effect for license renewals and new licensures after July 1, 2001. **Senate Passed 3rd.**

SHB 1838 a: Impaired Dentist Account

Requires DOH to collect a small surcharge on dental professional licenses to establish the Impaired Dentist Account for the voluntary treatment and rehabilitation of impaired dentists. **Senate Passed 3rd.**

HB 1863 a: Part-Time Health Commissions

A class five group of commissions is created to compensate part-time commissions that have rulemaking authority, perform quasi-judicial functions, determine policy direction for health profession credentialing programs, and perform regulatory and licensing functions for health care professionals. Each member of a class five group may receive up to \$250 for every day spent at an official meeting of the group or performing statutorily prescribed duties. **Senate Passed 3rd.**

HB 1864: Surgical Technologists

Authorizes the registration of surgical technologists. **Senate Passed 3rd.**

SHB 1992 a: Epinephrine Administration

Authorizes emergency medical technicians to carry epinephrine and administer it upon request of the patient or other authorized individual. **Senate Passed 3rd.**

SB 5114: Hospital Annual Inspections

Provides an exemption from annual inspections for hospitals accredited by the American Osteopathic Association similar to that offered to hospitals accredited by the Joint Committee on Accreditation of Health Organizations. **Delivered to the Governor.**

SB 5262: Sleep Monitoring

Declares the scope of practice for respiratory care practitioners does not prohibit any person from performing sleep monitoring tasks under the supervision or direction of a licensed health care provider. **House Speaker signed.**

SSB 5312: Health Care Workplace Violations

Requires that by July 1, 2000, each health care setting shall develop and implement a plan to reasonably prevent and protect employees from violence. Requires that by July 1, 2001, and on a regular basis thereafter, each health care setting shall provide violence prevention training to all its employees. **House 2nd reading.**

E SSB 5599: Temporary Worker Housing

Requires DOH to adopt joint rules for the licensing, operation, inspection, and enforcement of temporary worker housing. These rules must establish worker protection standards that are as effective but do not exceed the standards developed under WISHA. Decisions whether to extend a licensee's permit must be coordinated at the state and local level. **House Rules.**

SB 5648: Lodging Businesses

Provides consistency in definitions regarding businesses furnishing lodging; defines a hotel as a facility that furnishes three or more rooms for guest accommodation. **House Speaker signed.**

SSB 5669: Conversion Vending/Medical Units

Requires specific rules for the occupants of conversion vending units and medical units to protect the occupants from fire and other dangers. **Delivered to the Governor.**

SB 5702: Physician's Assistants

Revises physician assistant licensing and practice requirements. **House Speaker signed.**

Regulatory Reform

E 2SHB 1893 a: Permit Issuance

Adds a definition of "small project" to Permit Assistance Center (PAC) definitions and requires the PAC to prioritize general fund expenditures for services to small project applicants. Changes PAC requirement to establish regional offices to encouragement for PAC to establish regional offices. Requires the PAC to develop an integrated permit process feasibility study. Change s requirements and the process for PAC participation in permit process for projects on state-owned aquatic lands. Requires the Department of Fish & Wildlife to study the adequacy and effectiveness of the hydraulic permit program to respond to federal Endangered Species Act (ESA) requirements. Adds provisions exempting defined small scale prospecting and mining from hydraulic project permit requirements. Requires the Department of Transportation to collaborate with local governments to develop a strategy for ESA compliance related to transportation construction and maintenance activities. Adds timelines for local governments' development or amendment of shoreline master programs after adoption of shoreline master program guidelines. Replaces emergency clause for PAC sunset provisions with emergency clause for sections relating to PAC cost reimbursement, hydraulic project permit exemptions for small scale prospecting and mining and DOT programmatic permit requirements. Makes other changes to the general intent and aquatic lands permits intent provisions. **Senate Passed 3rd.**

State Government

SHB 1990: State Employee Background Check

Provides for criminal history background checks for potential state employees and contractors with potential unsupervised involvement with children or individuals with physical disabilities. **Senate Rules.**

SSB 5066: Legislative Reporting Requirements

Establishes a procedure in which a state agency that has a legislatively mandated requirement to report to the Legislature or legislative committees regarding a specific matter may be required to appear before the joint administrative rules review committee to explain a failure to report or submission of a report that is not responsive. **House 2nd reading.**

SB 5915 a: State Agency Reports

Various statutes are amended or repealed to eliminate reports to the Legislature that are no longer wanted or considered necessary. **House Passed 3rd.**

Tobacco

HJM 4003: Tobacco Settlement

Requests amending the federal Medicaid statute to prohibit federal recoupment of state tobacco settlement recoveries. **Filed with Secretary of State.**

SSB 5359: Tobacco Litigation Monies

Directs that funds received by the state as a result of the settlement of the state's legal action against tobacco product manufacturers, exclusive of costs and attorneys' fees, shall be deposited in the Tobacco Settlement Account. Authorizes the state treasurer to transfer a total of \$100,000,000 from the tobacco settlement account to the tobacco prevention and control account upon authorization of the Director of Financial Management. The director shall authorize transfer of the total amount no later than June 30, 2001.

House Appropriations.

E SB 5485: Tobacco Product Manufacturers

Places the financial burdens imposed by cigarette smoking on tobacco manufacturers rather than the state. Creates a reserve account for tobacco manufacturers not participating in the master tobacco settlement agreement. **House Rules.**

E SSB 5516: Tobacco Prevention & Control

Requires the Tobacco Prevention and Control Program to design and implement public health projects relating to tobacco, including but not limited to enforcing prohibitions on tobacco sales to minors, counter-marketing and advertising efforts relating to tobacco, school and community educational programs discouraging tobacco use, tobacco use cessation programs, and research regarding tobacco-related illnesses.

House Health Care.

E SB 5897 a: Export Cigarette Sales

Requires that purchasers of cigarettes be informed of adverse health consequences and whether the cigarettes were manufactured for consumption within the United States. **House Passed 3rd.**

Welfare Reform

HB 2226 a: TANF Eligibility for Children

Eliminates eligibility standards retained from the Aid to Dependent Children Program under the TANF program. **Senate Passed 3rd.**

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